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SUBJECT: CHRISTOPHER CALL ON WISCHNEWSKY

1. ON MARCH 9 DEPUTY SECRETARY MET MINISTER OF STATE IN CHANCELLERY HANS JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKY TO DELIVER PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. CHRISTOPHER UNDERLINED TO WISCHNEWSKY PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN AND UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUE AND EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF BOTH MEETING ENERGY NEEDS AND PREVENTING SPIRAL OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES. HE HIGHLIGHTED CONTRIBUTION OF NPT BUT NOTED NEED TO GO BEYOND TREATY

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TO FIND EFFECTIVE CONSTRAINTS AGAINST EXPLOSIVE SPREAD. HE REASSURED WISCHNEWSKY THAT U.S. WAS SEEKING SOLUTIONS THAT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF EXISTING CONTRACTS AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NO COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE, WHICH FRANCE ALSO ACCEPTS.

2. IN RESPONSE, WISCHNEWSKY UNDERTOOK TO INFORM

CHANCELLOR OF U.S. VIEWS AND EXPRESSED HOPE TALKS WOULD PRODUCE RESULTS HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES. HE RECALLED THAT ONE REASON NPT PROVED ACCEPTABLE TO OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WAS THAT TREATY ALLOWED CONTINUED EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS BY NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES.

3. CHRISTOPHER CONFIRMED THAT U.S. PROPOSALS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH GERMAN ABILITY TO EXPORT REACTORS. INDEED, U.S. WAS PROPOSING TO ASSURE NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY, BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY, FOR FRG REACTOR EXPORTS TO BRAZIL, AS ALTERNATIVES TO ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING TRANSFERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO EXPLOSIVES CAPABILITY. U.S. PROPOSALS RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE PROBLEM AND NEED TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES TO REPROCESSING, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. BRAZIL AND OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN IN CONDUCTING EVALUATION PROGRAM.

4. WISCHNEWSKY EXPRESSED IMPRESSION THAT U.S. TALKS IN BRAZIL PRODUCED NO CHANGES IN GOB ATTITUDES. IN RESPONSE, CHRISTOPHER NOTED COMMITMENT TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS AND HOLD FURTHER TALKS IN AGREED STATEMENT WITH BRAZIL. U.S. HAD CABLED WRITTEN SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS AT GOB REQUEST.

5. DEPUTY SECRETARY CONCLUDED BY REQUESTING THAT NO IRREVERSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR

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TRANSFERS PENDING FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. FROM FRG WE HOPE FOR TIME AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES TO SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TRANSFERS, IN CONTEXT OF GLOBAL CONCERN TO LIMIT EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES, GOING BEYOND BRAZIL. STOESSEL UNQUOTE. VANCE

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